

ABSTRACT

A pallet P held in a vertical position is moved from a pallet mounting surface, formed to extend vertically on a table 115 of a machine tool 101, to a pallet mounting surface formed vertically on a pallet support member 17 of a pallet changer 11. After rotationally indexing a swivel base 15 by 180 degrees about a vertical axis, a pallet P' is moved from the pallet support member 17 to the table 115.